

# Colonel Paul E. Funk II

## III Corps Chief of Staff

Following graduation from the Armor Officer Basic Course, Colonel Funk's initial assignment was as an Armored Cavalry Platoon Leader in the 2d Squadron, 8<sup>th</sup> Cavalry Regiment at Fort Hood, TX, where he later served as the Troop Executive Officer and later the battalion S3 Air.

Immediately upon graduation from the Armor Officer Advanced Course, Colonel Funk was assigned to Kirchgoens, Germany with the 2<sup>nd</sup> Battalion, 32<sup>nd</sup> Armor Brigade where he commanded A Company and 4<sup>th</sup> Battalion, 67<sup>th</sup> Armor Brigade Headquarters and Headquarters Company. The latter assignment included deployment to Southwest Asia as part of Operations Desert Shield and Desert Storm.

Upon returning to the United States, COL Funk served as an observer and controller with the Live Fire Team at the National Training Center, Fort Irwin, CA, before attending the US Army Command and General Staff College.

Upon graduation from CGSC, COL Funk was assigned as the Squadron Operations Officer at the 1<sup>st</sup> Squadron, 3d Armored Cavalry Regiment at Fort Carson, CO. He subsequently served as the Regimental Operations Officer. Following his service with the 3d ACR, Colonel Funk served as the chief of the Exercise Division at US Space Command at Peterson AFB, CO.

Colonel Funk then returned to Fort Hood and the First Team in 2000 where he assumed command of the 1<sup>st</sup> Squadron, 7<sup>th</sup> Cavalry Regiment. He subsequently served as the Division G3 both at Fort Hood and in Iraq prior to departing in the summer of 2004 to participate in a fellowship program The University of Texas.

On 12 July 2005, COL Funk assumed command of the 1<sup>st</sup> IRONHORSE Brigade Combat Team, 1<sup>st</sup> Cavalry Division. After a year encapsulated by resetting to the modular force and training, the IRONHORS Brigade deployed to Iraq in support of OPERATION IRAQI FREEDOM 06-08. The Brigade was responsible for over 375 square miles located along the north and west side of Baghdad where COL Funk vision of a Full Spectrum Campaign achieved decisive results transitioning the operating environment from security to reconciliation to local governance.

On 25 April 2008, Colonel Funk relinquished command of the 1<sup>st</sup> Brigade Combat Team, and he immediately assumed duties as the III Corps Chief of Staff on Fort Hood.

His awards and decorations include the Legion of Merit, Bronze Star Medal with Oak Leaf Cluster, Defense Meritorious Service Medal, Meritorious Service Medal with 2 Oak Leaf Clusters, Joint Meritorious Unit Award, Army Commendation Medal with 2 Oak Leaf Clusters, Kuwait Liberation Medal and the Defense of Saudi Arabia Medal. Colonel Funk has a Bachelor of Arts in Speech Communications from Montana State University and a Master of Science degree (Administration) from Central Michigan University.